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Sylvia Meagher
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New York, N.Y.

Dear Sylvia,

I, along with my editor George Walsh, who is also the editor-in-chief of the Trade Books division at Macmillan, and who is also a signatory to this letter, request your permission to quote from your letter to me of October 9, 1966, in my book BEST EVIDENCE.

The exact passage in which quotes from your letter, and references to it, appear, is typed out here:

" A few days later, a letter arrived, expressing sentiments which marked the beginning of a lot of trouble between me and some of the critics:

> ...I want to urge you again, this time in writing, to consider with the greatest care the implications of further "collaboration" with L. It is clear that you have absolutely nothing to gain...the prospects of converting a person who is so committed to a particular point of view---and indeed, to self protection---is really illusory.[63]

"Mrs. Meagher then made clear that she considered that it would be a breach of faith to discuss with Liebeler the work being done by the critics including the contents of her still unpublished manuscript. She warned against funneling any material, verbal or written, obtained from her or anyone else "to our adversaries" whose purpose was 'to find a way of...destroying it.'[64]

"I had vouched for what I accepted as Liebeler's honest intentions, but Mrs. Meagher insisted that by associating with him I risked 'the appearance of having sold out...'[65]"

It is understood that your signature of this letter constitutes a permission granted by you for the material quoted above to be published, exactly as it is typed out above, in my book BEST EVIDENCE, to be published by my publisher, the Macmillan Publishing Co., and its licensees.

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(continuation of letter dated September 13, 1980 to Sylvia Meagher)

Assuming this meets with your approval, we would appreciate your returning a copy of this letter, with your signature, as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

David S. Lifton

George Walsh
Ed.-in-Chief

Accepted and agreed:

Sylvia Meagher